



Program Manager Assembled  
Chemical Weapons Alternatives

# Biography: James A. Fritsche

## A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

### **Site Project Manager Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant, Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky**

James A. Fritsche became the site manager for the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Plant in June 2004. Mr. Fritsche serves as the lead government engineer responsible for management of the plant's field office and will oversee the systems contract with Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass. He reports to the Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives, known as ACWA, headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

A graduate of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Mr. Fritsche earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering with a concentration in structural engineering. He earned his professional registration in 1979.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Fritsche spent 30 years in a variety of staff and leadership assignments with the federal and state governments. The Indiana native began his professional career in 1974 as a field engineer and later as a district bridge engineer for the Indiana State Highway Commission. He began his Army career in 1981 at Jefferson Proving Ground, Madison, Indiana, serving as base manager at the time the installation closed in 1995.

His previous assignment was in the capacity of top civilian at the Blue Grass Chemical Activity, where his technical responsibilities involved the safe and secure storage of the Blue Grass Army Depot chemical weapons stockpile. He has worked on chemical demilitarization planning and design reviews since 1996.



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An officer in the Indiana Army National Guard, Mr. Fritsche served on a year-long active duty tour supporting Operation Enduring Freedom at Camp Atterbury, near Edinburgh, Indiana, where he directed multiple public works projects associated with soldier training and equipment maintenance. He has served in the Indiana National Guard since 1976.

Among his many career awards is the Department of the Army's Superior Civilian Service Award, Meritorious Service Medal and Sagamore of the Wabash (the highest award that can be bestowed by the Governor of Indiana).

Mr. Fritsche and his wife, Nelma, live in Richmond, Kentucky. They have two daughters, one son and a grandson.

Biography current as of November 2004

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